

STALLINGS AND MCGRAW ARE GETTING SORER AT ONE ANOTHER THAN AT BUCK HERZOG

BIG LEAGUE "LOW-BROW" PRODUCT COULD PUT IT ALL OVER OUTFIT SELECTED FROM VARSITY STARS

Noncollegiate Outfit Would Have Dominance in All Departments of Pastime Excepting at First and Second

THE relative playing ability of old-timers and present-day performers of the diamond has its side-kick as a speculative problem in which is the better player, considered generally, the collegian or the corner-lot product. There is not a doubt whatever that the introduction of the campus product has greatly improved the inside part of the sport, but it also is true that the high-browed element still is greatly in the minority, and it is equally certain that in a contest between opposing teams representing each element the "lows" would be able to skin their more intellectual and cultured antagonists.

A slant at the dope will suffice. Take both big leagues and scan the records. Two swell teams could be chosen from both elements, but the nonvarsity fellows would have the advantage in chief points of play and by a large majority. At first and second only would the collegians have the call.

Here would be about the best of the college outfit and some of those who selected attended small schools, many not being entitled to a strictly college rating: Henry, catcher; Shore, Leonard and Faber, pitchers; Slater, first; Eddie Collins, second; J. Carlie Smith, third; Lavan, short; Robertson, Carey and Cruise, outfield. Pipp would be a good extra man at first, as would also Chase, while Pratt and Barry would be effective aids as second-string second sackers, while the latter would be much preferable to Lavan if switching were considered.

Here is the way that a most formidable array of the College of Hard-knocks product could line up: Killifer and Schalk, catchers; Walter Johnson, Clotte and Schupp, pitchers; McInnis, first; Herzog, second; Baker, third; Chapman, short; Cobb, Speaker and Jackson, outfield. This aggregation not only would have it on the opposition on actual playing dope, but it is the superior one in pep, personality and baseball brains.

It would not be such a difficult job to pick leaders for the opposing outfits, Matty, Branch Rickey or Hugh Jennings would be leading managerial timber. It would be difficult, however, to pick a suitable rough person among the collegians for the coaching job unless Hugh Jennings were given this assignment. For the self-made element McGraw would be the logical head, with Johnny Evers as assistant.

MASCOT being the only job left, this problem would be a simple one. The records show that Rube Oldring once attended school in Hoboken, which completes his qualification as sponsor for the high-brows. Joe Wood would not be a bad selection for the opposition. Joe once pitched for the Kansas City Bloomer Girls.

Stallings Thinks Herzog Deal Off

BUCK HERZOG is the merriest little whizz bomb of the season. He has a couple of managers hopping sideways and as many fellow players, and he is entitled to the leading lady role in the season's holdout drama. McGraw says it's up to Stallings; Stallings makes a noise of like kind and volume. McGraw goes as far as to say that he will hold on to two players in any event. In the meanwhile Players Barnes and Doyle don't know where they stand, and any way you look at it it's an interesting tangle. Stallings is not worried, at least so he states. He will get back Barnes and Doyle if the deal isn't perfected, and he says that he had rather have Barnes than anybody involved in the deal. He declared after a meeting with Herzog in Florida that he was convinced that the cantalouper would not play unless McGraw satisfied him and McGraw could do what he pleased about the matter.

The Braves' leader is sore at McGraw anyhow. He declares that Muggsy put one over on him in the Jimmy Smith trade. He is free to say that he thought he was getting the player outright, and now he finds a condition requiring that he be returned to the Giants if McGraw wants to claim him March 20. "I don't do business that way," he states. "The Herzog transaction provides that Boston must get an infielder, and I haven't got him. I fear the whole deal is off."

Herzog's holdout is said by some to be against McGraw alone, and to have the money deducted from his salary last year for belligerency. Others state that he seeks a bonus from somebody and a renewal of his \$10,000 contract.

JESS BARNES is perhaps the most worried man involved. The big pitcher has expected great things in the way of playing behind a great team and with a big boost in salary.

Huggins Says Bodie Is Yanks' Property

NEW YORK papers confirm in interviews with Miller Huggins at the Yanks' training camp that there will be no flareback to Connie Mack in the Bodie-Burns trade. Ping will wear a Yank uniform in any event, states Huggins, who says that Mack took his chance on Burns. He is quoted as stating:

"Mack and I both took chances," said Huggins this morning, "when we made the deal. It was up to me to sign up Bodie. Getting Burns into line faced Mack. The minute the trade was made all New York interest in Burns was severed and Mack lost all holdings on Bodie. If Burns fails to report to Mack that is Connie's lookout and not mine. That was agreed upon when the deal was put through. Any one doubting my sincerity only has to get in touch with Connie and he will back up my assertions. As a matter of fact, I do not think that Mack is losing any sleep worrying over the possibility of Burns being called to the colors."

Asserts First Curved Ball Pitched in 1866

THE baseball Boswell to give accurate information on the origin of the curve ball has appeared in the person of Alphonse C. Martin, of New York city, who pitched for the old Mutuals, Eckfords and Troys from 1865 through 1873. Martin has collected all sorts of data about curve pitching, and presents information tending to show that the first pitcher to use a curve ball in a game under rules was J. McSweeney, of the Mutuals, at the Elysian Fields in Hoboken in 1866. Joe Duncan, the umpire, ruled McSweeney out as an underhand thrower.

Martin's dope shows that Bobby Matthews, of the Maryland club, of Baltimore, in 1869, was the first to pitch an outcurve within the rules—and let it be added that Matthews was the first pitcher to use a curve legally in a professional game. All the others who had tried it had been disqualified. Martin was the first pitcher to use a drop, in 1864. Jim Creighton, of the Excelsiors, is recognized as the originator of underhand throwing.

Kopf May Go to Yankees From Reds

THE Cincinnati Club owes the Yankees an infielder in the deal which sent Lee Magee to the Reds and Tim Hendryx to the Browns, and it is said that Bill Kopf will be the man. Kopf, formerly of the "A's," who played short for the Reds last season and made a good job of it, is a holdout and Garry Herrmann refuses to yield a centime. Herrmann declares that unless Kopf comes to terms soon he will place him on the retired list. However, since the Yankees could use Kopf it seems not unlikely that the former Mackman may be secured.

It is said that the Reds already have acquired a new shortstop in the person of Sam Crane. Crane was acquired in a cash deal with the Washington club—another transaction which the Washington club was permitted to put through with the National League in order to give the Senators a little much-needed financial sustenance. The acquisition of Crane made it possible for the Reds to release Bill McKelch to the Pirates. The Reds still have Dave Shean for utility infielder duty. The report that Hod Eller, the Reds' young pitcher, had been drafted is erroneous. Eller has been exempted. He has a wife and a child.

Goudy's Going Over Top Thrills Fans

BASEBALL fans were thrilled when a message from the fighting front told how Hank Goudy, famous backstop of the Boston Braves and the first player to give up a big salary and enlist as a private in Uncle Sam's army, had gone over the top with the Rainbow Division in the first big drive made by Pershing's forces since their participation in the European war. According to the dispatch, he was among the front-rank troops that stormed the German trenches at Toul. Shortly after his enlistment in an Ohio National Guard unit Hank was made corporal and then sergeant. The prediction that the baseball world would be proud of him already has come true.

Matty May Get Into Action Again This Year

CHRISTOPHER MATHEWSON has aroused Cincinnati fans by warning to get in practice at the Reds' training camp down South. Big Six says he doesn't intend to pitch regularly this year, but that in case of emergency he wants to be in shape to enter the box. He seems to think he can stand the strain for several innings now and then when one of the team needs a rest. Matty didn't use his arm at all last season, and during practice he already has shown some of the old speed and strength.



PRESIDENT RUBIN IS POOR PROPHET

Only Three of His Seven Selections Finish First in A. A. U. Meet

PENN CAPTURES BANNER

By PAUL PREP

As a prophet Frederick W. Rubin, of New York, is an excellent president of the Metropolitan District Association of the Amateur Athletic Union. Rubin, who also holds the position of secretary-treasurer of the national body of the A. A. U., is the real and only Walter Camp of track and field athletics. Each year his selections of the All-American athletic team, the All-American college and the All-American scholastic track and field teams, which are published for the first time in Spalding's Athletic Almanac, are accepted without a word of protest and regarded in the same light as Walter Camp's All-American football teams.

What more would an average man want? But Rubin is different from the average man. Although his selections are reprinted in all the leading newspapers throughout this country, President Rubin sought an opportunity to gain more fame and glory. He wanted to be known the country over as a track prophet. Accordingly, a few days before the National A. A. U. championships, which were held last Saturday night in New York, were run off he brought out his record book and picked the winners of the more important events.

Walter Camp of Track

Now bearing in mind that he is the Walter Camp of track athletics, the events should have run true to his forecasting. But something must have gone wrong, for of his seven selections for first place only three came through with colors flying. In the first place, he picked Eddie Fall to defeat Joe Ray, the Chicago flyer. This he reflected on the ability of Joe that he went into the 1000-yard run determined to show Mr. Rubin his mistake. Ray not only defeated Eddie Fall, but in doing so he equalled the world's indoor record for the distance. Even Mike Devanney finished ahead of Rubin's selection.

Ray Equals Record

In addition to Joe Ray, the following upset the well-laid plans and won their respective events. Mike Devanney, of Penn State, who surprised the wisecracks by winning the national 600-yard title from such men as Jack Sellers, Dave Caldwell, and John O'Brien. Bob Maxam had been selected to win this race. Eddie Garvey, Jr., of the Paulist A. A., who defeated G. T. Nightingale. Rubin's choice in the two-mile run, and Harold Barron, of Meadowbrook Club and Camp Hancock, who finished first in the 70-yards high hurdles. Savage, of Bowdoin, who had been favored by Frederick in this race, finished fourth, coming from having four of his "champions" defeated, everything went off in great style for President Rubin, and the meet was one of the best in the history of the organization.

Penn Scores Most Points

The handful of athletes that Lawson Robertson took over with him to the big town jolted the tradition by beating out the club athletes for the championship events. Seiden was a college team on the team prize in the national meet, and the fact that the squad was composed of only five men makes the feat even more remarkable. The twelve points for Penn were scored by Captain Landers in the 300-yard run and M. Gustafson, who led home a big field in the 800, and F. Davis, who finished third in the 60-yard dash.

DEMPSEY KNOCKS OUT SMITH IN FIRST ROUND

Salt Lake City Fighter Lands Haymaker in Less Than Two Minutes

Memphis, Tenn., March 18.—Jack Dempsey, of Salt Lake City, knocked out Jack Smith, of Chicago, in the first round of a scheduled eight-round bout last night. The fight lasted less than two minutes and Smith was felled by three blows. He was counted out while hanging over the ropes in a dazed condition. Both men are heavyweights.

WILL SISLER SUPPLANT COBB IS LEADING BASEBALL QUERY

Ty Must Pass as Game's Greatest Player and George Has Best Chance as Successor

Transporting Major League Ballplayer Costs \$1700

Do you know what it costs to transport a major league player around the circuit for one season? It costs just about \$1700; that's what.

This doesn't include Pullman, baggage or hotel bills, either, but just the flat fare. Two players, the limit in the National League, manager and a trainer cost \$2,000 a year just for their train fares. At a Malt Craft costs just as much as a Walter Johnson, too.

spots and he was such a versatile guy that nobody, not even himself, knew where he could play best or where he really wanted to play. No player excepting Rube Marquard, Marty O'Toole, Lee Magee and Bennie Kauff ever came into the top ring with more sensational press agenting. The others were affected but not Sisler. He had the mental poise that comes with a good education, he knew what he could do and the lights did not affect his vision.

While playing in virtually every position at the University of Michigan his step in with the best of them today and toss the deceitful southpaw stuff. Figures back up those critics who contend that Sisler would be a better hitter today than Ty Cobb if he could hit today 'em out. The comparative number of walks secured by each certainly strengthens the contention.

144,000 BASEBALL BATS FOR SAMMEES

Great Consignment Abroad by Y. M. C. A. Following Previous Supplies

NAMED AFTER PLAYERS

Shipment of 144,000 baseball bats, the largest in baseball history, has been started from Louisville, Ky., for the Lorraine sector of the western fighting front in Europe. The bats now going forward are part of an order placed in January, when hundreds of thousands of baseballs, mitts, fielders' gloves, chest protectors, masks and shin guards were called for by the Y. M. C. A. for use in the camps and cantonments of the United States and in France with the expeditionary forces.

For weeks the Y. M. C. A. has been forwarding equipment, having placed at the disposal of the Government, at the Government's request, its comprehensive system for the distribution of everything that the men in the trenches and training for service at the front that is not handled by the Quartermaster's Department. Since the Government made the Y. M. C. A. the official clearing house the association has been gradually absorbing the activities of numerous volunteer organizations working to the same end without the knowledge of conditions or the efficient organization developed by the Y. M. C. A.

Every one of the 144,000 bats soon to reach France is stamped with the red triangle of the Y. M. C. A. and will reach the troops through the secretaries overseas, whose huts are the general stores of the trenches.

ICE SKATER BREAKS TWO WORLD'S RECORDS

Chicago, March 18.—Norval Baptie, champion ice skater, today holds two world records as the result of his match here with Edward Lamy. Baptie set a new mark of 28.4-5 seconds for the 440-yard dash, and skated the mile in the record time of 2:55.4-5. He defeated Lamy in three races.

ZBYSZKO AND LEWIS TO MEET FOR MAT TITLE

New York, March 18.—Wladek Zbyszko and Strangler Lewis wound up their fight here today for the mat title at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night. A time limit of two hours has been placed on the match, and one fall will decide the winner or the efficient. All holds but the strangle hold will be permitted, which gives Lewis the right to use his favorite head lock.

PASSON LEADS CAGE SCORERS

Reeves Runner-Up in Contest for High School Individual Totals

AWAIT DUTCH CUP

With the Intercollegiate Basketball League championships decided—Northeast the winner of the first division and South Philadelphia of the second—the only events of interest remaining of the 1917-18 season are the awarding of the Dutch trophy, symbolic of the championship, to Northeast and the selection of an all-scholastic five.

In regard to the Dutch trophy, the Northeast High School students have been patiently awaiting the arrival of the cup since the day Coach Oscar Gerney's squad officially won the championship and they still are waiting. The handsome silver trophy at present is in the possession of South Philadelphia High. Athletic Director Henry Brachhold, of Northeast, has been expecting the officers of the Dutch Club to bring the trophy every day for two weeks, while South Philadelphia High has been anticipating the arrival of the trophy. Thus far the Dutch Club officers have done neither.

Something Wrong Each year it has been the custom to select an all-scholastic basketball team from the various members of the high school circuit. Something must be wrong, for thus far not one all-star team has been picked. Perhaps some one who believes himself or possibly himself a first-class player of basketball players will take the time to select a team. Our all-star quint may be announced within a few days and it may complete this week.

The majority of the teams have completed their schedule, but it is believed that Central High and Frankford still have a game to play. But what if they have for as Bill Shakespeare often said in his unwritten works, "who cares?" Basketball is now a thing of the past. Baseball and track are engaging the thoughts of the high school students. Candidates have been called out in all the schools and the coaches will try their hardest and then some to get the best of the athletic fields for some time.

Callahan Beats Borrell

Frankie Callahan romped home a winner over Young Joe Borrell in the feature bout at the National A. A. Saturday night. This was Borrell's last appearance as a wind-up boy, and while he was outboxed at all times, he showed enough to keep Callahan on guard. Bill Tate didn't permit Henry West to remain long on exhibition in the semi-wind-up, putting his arm in less than two minutes. Eddie Wagonard also ended his bout in a hurry when he forced Patsy Broderick to take the count after two minutes and fifteen seconds of action in the third bout.

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Passon Goes Over the Top

Scoring seven field goals and fifteen goals in his last game of the season enabled Chuck Passon, of South Philadelphia High School, to get the number of "top" in the individual scoring. His final dash of twenty-nine points carried him thirteen notches further on Gendal Reeves, the Northeast High leader, with his title, for it was not until the second half of the season that he was given a chance to show his true ability.

BOB MAXAM TO JOIN NAVAL AVIATION CORPS

Meadowbrook Speed Marvel Called by Uncle Sam Leaves Tomorrow for Camp

Robert Sylvester Maxam, the former University of Pennsylvania freshman runner and now of the Meadowbrook Club, has been called by Uncle Sam and will leave his home in Washington, D. C., tomorrow for service in the naval aviation corps, who is now in the officers' training camp at Camp Meade. He entered Penn and was a member of last year's freshman one-mile relay team, which broke the record for the freshman relay championship of America in the fast time of three minutes and twenty-two seconds. He didn't represent the Red and Blue this year, but competed under the Meadowbrook Club colors. Saturday night a week ago at the Meadowbrook games he thrice claim to the coaches by winning the Meadowbrook 880 from a fast field and half an hour later by winning the intercity relay race for Philadelphia from Boston and New York.

JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, PALM BEACH MEDAL WINNER, IS 18 HANDICAP PLAYER AT THE BALA GOLF CLUB

High Handicap Man Demonstrates Possibility of Game, Playing Two Consecutive Rounds in 78 and 76 in Tournament

By PETER PUTTER

THE speculation as to the identity of Joseph C. Hutchinson, winner of the gold medal in the qualifying round at Palm Beach last week, ended with the return of Mr. Hutchinson to this city. He is a member of the Bala Golf Club and he gave his numerous friends at Bala the shock of their lives by returning a score of 78 strokes on the day of qualification, winning the medal the next day with a 76, which is some golf for a man with a club handicap of eighteen strokes.

Last year he played fewer than a dozen times, as he has been assisting the United States food administration and he had very little time to devote to golf, rarely playing more than nine holes on any one day.

Every year he goes to Palm Beach and spends from a month to six weeks. Like many of the other southern courses, it is necessary to get booked up for a starting time, and unless this is done the golfer has little or no opportunity to play, as Palm Beach course is crowded with players.

Didn't Intend to Play He cares little for tournament golf, preferring to play in four-ball matches. He had no intention of playing in the annual tournament at Palm Beach, as he told the committee he would not be able to continue through the tournament, as that he preferred to let some other player qualify. But the committee told him to go ahead and play and later he could withdraw from the match play.

The qualifying day opened with a stiff wind that blew all day long, and at times the breeze was strong enough to disturb the golf balls on the sand greens. At the end of the day only two of the golfers had broken eighty and both were tied for the medal. One was Mr. Hutchinson and the other was Joseph H. Elwell, of the Apawamis Club of the Metropolitan district. Their scores were 78.

Wins Medal With 76 The committee permitted him to compare cards in their first match play round, Mr. Hutchinson defaulting to his opponent, whom he actually defeated by 4 and 3 to play. When the card was matched with Mr. Elwell it was found that the Philadelphia had a 76 and his opponent an 81. The latter was already won the medal in the qualifying round of two other tournaments at Palm Beach.

Two years ago Mr. Hutchinson won the second flight at Palm Beach, and during his trip there this winter he was frequently breaking into the seventy class.

Out at Bala he has a club rating of eighteen strokes, and the best he has ever done on a nine-hole course is 36, by no means as hard as Bala, as the course is short. But to offset the 18 he well trapped and any man who can break an eighty there is playing good golf.

Likes Southern Golf He has played very little tournament golf at Bala or at Ararat, where he also is a member. He is too busy during the summer time to devote two or three days to tournament play. But when he has leisure time during the day on the golf course.

That so many of our Philadelphia golfers who do not figure in local tournaments do so in the South is due largely to the fact that they are able to play almost continuously. One or two weeks' constant practice is bound to improve their game, and as a result there are scores who are able to win cups in the South who fail to get into the money up North.

No Easy Road There And this is not due to poorer players, for some of the best golfers in the country play in the South during the winter time and those who go in for the summer time find as a rule that their skill. There is no easy road to golfing success in the South, and if you do not think this is so, enter some of the tournaments as an experiment.

There is little doubt that if Mr. Hutchinson and the other Philadelphia golfers who have won prizes in the South could give as much time to their play during the winter months as they would be factors in the merry hunt for prizes.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By BILL BELL

JIMMY DUNN will be with us today. Jimmy has been absent from our fair city for many months. This time we find he makes his appearance minus his champion, for on this occasion he has under his wing two very promising youngsters, with Kilbane active as a coach. Jimmy's opponent, Sherburne, is not likely to have him in the ring for some time. In Johnny's place we find Dunn piloting Artie Root, a classy Cleveland bantam, and a take on Paul Demare, the fast New York flyweight. Both are expected to be in the ring at the Garden tomorrow evening.

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Low Tandler, the odds of this city, who manages Eddie Wallace, the bantamweight, will fight the main go at the Garden tomorrow evening. Wallace is expected to be in the ring at the Garden tomorrow evening.

Scranton will be the scene of a good little fight, when April 4, Bushy Graham, will fight the main go at the Garden tomorrow evening. Wallace is expected to be in the ring at the Garden tomorrow evening.

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